



Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund

The Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund was created by the 1989 General Assembly with the goal of protecting Iowa's resources. Iowa Code section [455A.18](#) requires a standing appropriation of \$20.0 million from the General Fund annually between FY 1992 and FY 2021. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the REAP funds.

Purpose of Fund

The REAP Program is a long-term integrated effort to use and protect Iowa's natural resources through:

- Acquisition and management of public lands.
- Upgrading public park and preserve facilities.
- Environmental education, monitoring, and research.

Funding

The REAP Fund receives revenue from several federal, private, and States sources, including receipts from the sale of REAP license plates. Although statute sets a standing appropriation of \$20.0 million the General Assembly may elect to appropriate less than this amount. Since formation, the REAP Fund has received an appropriation ranging from \$2.0 to \$18.0 million. Since 2000, the REAP Fund has received an appropriation from the Environment First Fund in lieu of a General Fund appropriation.

Fund Formula

Iowa Code chapter [455A.19](#) defines how the REAP Fund receipts are distributed. This is also known as the REAP formula. Of total receipts, \$350,000 is allocated to the DNR for educational grants and 1.0% is allocated to the DNR for program administration. The remaining receipts are allocated as follows:

- 28.0% to the DNR for the Open Spaces Account.
- 20.0% to County Conservation Boards.
- 20.0% to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for soil and water conservation projects.
- 15.0% for city park projects.
- 9.0% to the DNR for land management and maintenance.
- 5.0% to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Historical Resource Development Program.
- 3.0% to the Department of Transportation for roadside vegetation projects

Public Participation

The public is involved with REAP in a number of ways.

- There are REAP committees in most of the counties that coordinate REAP projects among all interested individuals and other private organizations.
- There are 17 REAP regional assemblies held around the State during even-numbered years. These meetings allow the public to comment on regional plans using REAP funding.
- There is a REAP Congress that meets in even-numbered years. Each regional assembly elects five delegates to serve on the statewide REAP Congress. The 85 members discuss and finalize recommendations that are made to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other State agencies.

More Information

Overview of REAP: <http://www.iowadnr.com/reap/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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Fund History

The following table details the revenues and expenditures of the REAP Fund over the past five years.
The graph below details the appropriations to REAP over the past 10 years.

REAP Fund History

	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 11,228,464	\$ 10,591,677	\$ 11,028,043	\$ 13,278,700	\$ 9,895,937
REVENUE					
Appropriations & Other Receipts	\$ 15,516,973	\$ 18,946,175	\$ 19,463,450	\$ 16,579,122	\$ 13,930,674
Adjustment to Balance Forward	0	173	0	0	0
Federal Support	809,273	467,234	973,034	1,315,262	1,503,343
Government Transfers - Other Agencies	0	0	0	0	1,388,168
Interest	480,072	180,909	90,565	43,254	22,670
Refunds & Reimbursements	6,888,305	6,179,791	4,458,763	1,309,571	1,588,489
Reimbursement from Other Agencies	2,166,464	3,203,432	0	-80	-10
Unearned Receipts	1,000	200	380,944	13,500	135
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 25,862,087	\$ 28,977,914	\$ 25,366,756	\$ 19,260,629	\$ 18,433,469
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 37,090,550	\$ 39,569,591	\$ 36,394,799	\$ 32,539,330	\$ 28,329,406
EXPENDITURES					
Facility Management Support	\$ 113,906	\$ 207,526	\$ 156,809	\$ 96,113	\$ 70,279
Advertising & Publicity	572	222	0	17,500	0
Ag., Conservation & Horticulture Supply	0	0	10,955	44,760	33,694
Capitals	14,963,338	13,362,146	8,886,859	5,679,199	7,715,653
Equipment	10,018	78,185	153,536	87,382	79,702
Equipment - Non-Inventory	15,012	28,968	19,477	75,585	87,759
Equipment Maintenance Supplies	0	26,182	13,704	31,018	32,282
Debt Payment - Interest Expense	0	0	692,458	1,802,684	1,938,610
Intra-State Transfers	1,502,690	1,882,832	6,423,908	7,235,915	4,432,788
Other Expense & Obligations	303,799	345,742	382,001.54	433,975.5	471,586
Other Supplies	31,736	47,936	28,291	15,871	22,228
Outside Services	22,717	184,159	213,387	295,849	243,477
Travel	0	1,330	0	98	0
Professional & Scientific Services	169,966	116,952	321,586	821,120	908,012
Rentals	0	2,450	5,725	6,353	15,750
State Aid	9,365,120	12,256,496	5,807,401	5,999,291	4,571,397
Utilities	0	420	0	681	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 26,498,873	\$ 28,541,548	\$ 23,116,099	\$ 22,643,393	\$ 20,623,218
Balance Carry Forward	10,591,677	\$ 11,028,043	\$ 13,278,700	\$ 9,895,937	\$ 7,706,188

